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Clinton praises Albright's 'small steps'

By HILLEL KUTTNER

WASHINGTON — US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright did a "superb job" handling a "very difficult circumstance" during her visit last week to the Middle East, President Bill Clinton said yesterday.

In his first comments since her return, Clinton said Albright perfectly summed up the state of affairs when she said she had achieved only "small steps" when what was needed was for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to make bolder moves.

"Secretary Albright distilled in that one phrase where I think we are," he said.

Clinton said that he, Albright and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger were "putting our heads together" and "doing everything we can to keep pushing this."

"I have seen some encouraging things in the last couple of days, that all the parties realize that they have special responsibilities to get this thing back on track," Clinton told reporters during an announcement of a US decision not to sign a treaty banning land mines. "And we're going to look at our options and do everything we can."

Clinton did not elaborate on what he saw as signs of encouragement. But administration officials pointed to Albright's citing of reports that

Israel and the Palestinians had improved their security cooperation, and that Israel had partly returned tax and customs revenues it withheld from the Palestinians, and had eased a closure imposed in the wake of the Mahaneh Yehuda and Ben-Yehuda Street suicide bombings.

Clinton reiterated that the United States would not seek to impose a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, saying that they "have to have the vision and the courage and the strength" to make peace.

But he said the US would do all it could to enable success and "protect them from the downsides if they do take risks for peace."

Meanwhile, State Department spokesman James Rubin said the US saw the Ras al-Amud controversy as a "lightning rod for increased tensions" and has made its views "very clear" to Israel.

He also rebuked Irving Moskowitz, the American who purchased the homes, for "interfering with" the peace process.

"Those who support these actions, promote these actions, or otherwise are involved with these actions are harming the peace process, therefore harming the State of Israel," Rubin said.

"We are pleased that the government of Prime Minister Netanyahu seems to understand the risks associated with this kind of project, and they oppose this kind of project," he said.

PM awaits court decision



American millionaire Irving Moskowitz leaves the Ras al-Amud buildings he owns, after visiting with the Jewish residents there yesterday. (Reuters)

Netanyahu said ready to evict families from Ras al-Amud

By JAY BUSHINSKY and ELLI WOHLGELERTER

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is determined to evict the Jews at Ras al-Amud by force if necessary, but prefers to wait for today's decision by the High Court of Justice on the legality of their presence there, a senior government official said.

Moskowitz's petition to the High Court asked for an interim injunction against any plan by the government to have police forcibly evict the legal tenants.

Disclosing Netanyahu's firm position yesterday, the official said he believes the festering dispute over the three families in question and their right to move into the all-Arab area opposite the Mount of Olives "does no one any good."

"The government won't allow them to stay," the official went on. "If they don't move out, force will be used." However, he did not rule out the possibility that a new compromise may be emerging.

Irving Moskowitz, the Florida millionaire who owns 3.5 acres in Ras al-Amud, met for two hours last night with Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, who tried to persuade him to compromise and have the settlers leave voluntarily, in exchange for a recognition in principle that they have a right to live in Ras al-Amud.

"We didn't come to a solution," said Moskowitz, adding that he expects "the Arab neighbors of ours will respect us, and we will respect them likewise."

Moskowitz said he planned to build a baby clinic for Arabs on another plot of land he owns. "Our projects that we are going to develop will include a well-baby clinic for Arab children, and that will be sponsored by me and the municipality of Jerusalem. Just as in any democratic country people of different races and religions and

nationalities live together, we expect to do the same [there]," he said.

Kahalani and Moskowitz said they would meet again on the issue.

Earlier in the day, the two men paid separate visits to the site at Ras al-Amud. Moskowitz was accompanied by former chief rabbi Abraham Shapira and MK Benny Elon.

The prime minister evidently

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considers the swift resolution of the Ras al-Amud stand-off as his highest political priority and therefore canceled tomorrow's previously scheduled trip to Eastern and Central Europe.

He may go ahead with a state visit to Austria on Sunday if things calm down by then, the senior aide said.

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein's recommendation that the government can remove the Jewish residents if it believes their being in Ras al-Amud threatens public safety was interpreted in official circles as effectively throwing the ball back into the ministers' court.

Ras al-Amud was the dominant topic of conversation among Palestinians as well as the overriding theme of the local Arabic press and the Palestinian Authority's electronic media.

"Most of us believe the government will remove them," a Bethlehem resident said, summarizing public opinion in the West Bank.

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Eisenberg: Let's put end to feud

Globes Business News

Erwin Eisenberg made a surprise return to Israel yesterday to attend a hearing about his late father's will, hoping that the family feud which followed Shoul Eisenberg's death could be resolved amicably.

"Peace and order should reign in the family," said Eisenberg, arriving at the Tel Aviv District Court. "I am obliged to be here to start the process."

During the hearing, the estate executives demanded more cooperation from Eisenberg.

Eisenberg flew in from Beijing and was scheduled to fly back last night.

He is expected to give the Tel Aviv District Court a deposition within two weeks that will include information about his father's assets at the time of his death.

The list will also include details on property his father held, directly or indirectly, to which the younger Eisenberg claims he has personal rights, such as controlling shares in the Israel Corporation.

The heir said that he wants the family rather than the courts to determine who will run the family empire.

Nobody can feel good about the fact that these affairs are being conducted in court, and the family members should unite, he said.

"We must achieve good relations," said Eisenberg. "Whatever is done through the court is not good. We must reach a compromise. It is imperative for our honor, for business and for my father's name."

Shoul's death in March sparked a dirty family feud that dredged up questions about the legitimacy of his will and his faithfulness to his wife, Leah.

The original copy of the newest will could not be found. However, earlier press reports indicated that Eisenberg bequeathed 80 percent of his property to Erwin and completely deprived his estranged daughter Esther of any inheritance. The remaining 20% was to be evenly distributed among another three daughters, and the widower of a fourth.



Erwin Eisenberg (David Rubinger)

A-G: Legal eviction from Ras al-Amud possible

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The High Court is to hear a petition today by American businessman Irving Moskowitz, who is demanding a temporary injunction to prevent any attempt by the government to evict the Jewish residents of the buildings he owns in Jerusalem's Ras al-Amud, saying that such an act would be "illegal and most unreasonable."

But Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein said that there are legal ways to evict the settlers under certain stringent conditions.

If there was reasonable certainty that public order would be disturbed or public security endangered, the authorities could have prevented the settlers from entering the houses in Ras al-Amud, Rubinstein said, in the legal opinion he presented to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Once the buildings have been occupied, the decisive factor with regard to eviction is the assessment by the police and other security forces that there is near certainty that

public order will be disturbed or public security harmed.

The security of the public, the security of those who claim rights to the property, the security of the policemen and the need to allocate forces to the area which are needed elsewhere, have to be considered, in addition to other factors, Rubinstein said.

His opinion was submitted to Netanyahu during consultations at the Prime Minister's Office on Sunday night and later, in greater detail, on Tuesday night. Rubinstein published the legal opinion yesterday.

He stressed that the danger to public security was meant in the widest sense. In that case, the authorities were obliged to prevent the owners from taking possession of their property, Rubinstein stressed.

"This point - that is, the interpretation of the phrase 'near certainty' - is not confined merely to the site under discussion but also refers to other places in the widest of connotations," Rubinstein wrote.

Rubinstein also pointed out that the OC

Home Front Command had the authority to declare any area he deemed fit for security reasons a closed area and that in such a case, no one would be permitted to enter it.

However, he ruled out the need at this stage to invoke legislation to expropriate the property. Rubinstein also noted that it is still possible to use statutory means to prevent building at the site.

It became clear that there would be no compromise yesterday when Moskowitz and nine people renting the property from him petitioned the High Court of Justice against eviction. Justice Theodor Or is due to hear the petition this morning at 8.

There is no real evidence, the petitioners say, to prove that their presence in the Arab neighborhood poses a risk to public security. Moskowitz says that the property was bought legally from its Arab owners and that eviction would be an infringement of his rights of ownership. His purchase contracts are attached to the petition.

The petition, filed against Netanyahu,

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, and police Insp.-Gen Assaf Hefetz, asks the court to recognize that any attempt to evict the settlers would be "illegal and most unreasonable."

The present unrest in the neighborhood, it claims, will stop after a few days and the authorities should not be intimidated "by terrorist threats."

Moskowitz's lawyers, Dan Avi-Yitzhak and Eitan Geva, argue furthermore that eviction would be a racist act, since the settlers would be evicted solely on the grounds that they are Jewish. The petitioners also ask the court to act against a decision not to allow more people to join the settlement, saying this is also illegal.

While the authorities have not yet decided whether or not the settlement should be disbanded for endangering public security, a Jerusalem lawyer yesterday pointed out that there is already a precedent to this effect.

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Health Ministry, FDA recall two diet drugs

By JUDY SIEGEL

Popular diet drugs taken by several million Americans and 1,500 to 2,500 Israelis have been taken off pharmacy shelves here and abroad. The drugs, generically known as fenfluramine and dexfenfluramine, are suspected by the US Food and Drug Administration of causing defects in the heart valves of some obese patients who took them.

The unusual FDA recall two days ago - the first drug is on the market since 1973 and the other since last year - led the Health Ministry to make a similar move.

Dr. Yair Gabor of Abic, the local importer, said yesterday that anyone with packages of fenfluramine tablets (commercially known as Ponderax Pacaps) or slow-release capsules (Ponderax) should bring them to their pharmacy for a refund.

The ministry has also barred pharmacists from preparing the drugs from raw materials.

Dexfenfluramine, which is sold in

the US as Redux, was never approved for sale here. At least three deaths linked to the medications, marketed by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, have been reported in the US. The drugs have been prescribed to obese Americans in combination with phentermine, which may still be sold here but is much less effective on its own. The combination is known as Fen-Phen. According to Health Ministry pharmacist Rabel Gutman, Fen-Phen is not banned in Israel although it is not a widely accepted treatment.

The FDA examined a report in July from the Mayo Clinic that said 24 cases of a rare disease of the heart valves had been detected in patients taking the diet drugs. Since then, 66 more cases of heart valve

abnormalities were reported in the US, but the patients did not suffer characteristic symptoms, such as shortness of breath, palpitations, extreme fatigue, swelling of legs and heart murmurs. The FDA also declared there was no evidence that phentermine was unsafe.

The diet drugs affect the neurotransmitter serotonin in the brain, which is believed to influence how satisfied people feel after eating.

Dr. Earl Harow, a US-born general practitioner who has treated 70 to 80 obese patients in his Jerusalem clinic since January with fenfluramine, said he would immediately stop prescribing it.

He said that "the decision to recall was correct, given the fact that a significant number of patients who

took them [the drugs] had signs of heart valve problems, even if most were without symptoms."

Harow hoped that other diet drugs in the pipeline would be available soon. "Doctors who treat obesity - not five or 10 extra kilos but a body-mass index of 30 or more - are saddened to see patients struggle with their weight. In the US alone, 300,000 people die of obesity each year."

"The fenfluramine gave patients a feeling of satiety for the first time in their lives; they were then able to change their lifestyles, exercise and observe a healthier diet," he said.

Both Harow and Gabor said they knew of no heart-valve complications among Israeli patients who took the drugs.

By JAY BUSHINSKY and news agencies

Although Israel supports an international ban on land mines in principle, Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur drew the line at signing the projected Oslo treaty against their use.

"Israel is unable, at this juncture, to commit itself to a total ban on the use of anti-personnel land mines until effective measures are available to ensure the protection of civilians threatened on a daily basis by terrorists," Bentsur said.

He also pegged Israeli ratifica-

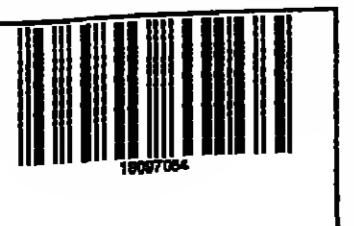
tion of the anti-mine pact to conditions which "ensure the protection of Israeli forces operating in areas of armed conflict."

Israel's position thus coincides with that of the US, although for different reasons.

A draft of the treaty was approved yesterday by more than 100 countries.

The US did not sign the pact either. President Bill Clinton reportedly might have approved the pact had it allowed time to phase out the mines planned in the Korean peninsula's demilitarized zone.

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Five detained in Hebron rioting

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Rioting broke out in Hebron last night, with scores of Palestinians throwing stones and bottles at IDF troops in the H2 area of Hebron.

The IDF Spokesman said the riots broke out after several Palestinians refused to undergo a security check at one of the army barriers. IDF troops fired rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse the rioters.

The spokesman said five Palestinians were detained and transferred to the police for questioning.

However, Palestinians claimed IDF soldiers beat up a Palestinian at the barrier until he lost consciousness. The IDF Spokesman denied the claim.

Early yesterday morning the security forces arrested 17 Palestinians from the Bethlehem area who are suspected of being affiliated with Hamas. Close to midnight on Tuesday, IDF troops declared a curfew on Kaf Tekoa, in Area B and arrested the Palestinians. After the arrests the security forces left the village.

Since the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing on July 30, security forces have arrested over 200 Palestinians in Judea and Samaria.

Also on Tuesday night, security forces discovered a rifle and a bag of bullets in a house in the village of Arabeh, in the Jenin area, the IDF Spokesman said.

Hebron: Conflicts over roadwork - but coexistence for the camera

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Despite protests from the Jewish community, work continued on Hebron's Shuhada Street yesterday. The road Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat once called the "the Champs Elysees of Hebron" was full of dust dirt, bulldozers, policemen and soldiers.

The portion currently being renovated stretches from Kikar Gross near the Avraham Avinu Quarter and runs past several Jewish buildings, including Beit Schneerson and Beit Hadassah, to Kikar Hashoter.

The road was closed at both ends over three years ago, after Baruch Goldstein's Machpela Cave massacre. In April of this year, plans were drawn up for restoring Shuhada Street and the American USAID firm was called in to supervise the work, coordinating with Palestinian and Israeli authorities. The goal is to open the road to regular traffic.

Hebron's Jews claim the current roadwork endangers them, and is being carried out without taking their needs into account.

"The pavements are narrow, the streets are not able to take heavy traffic, and all this will be at the front doorstep of the Jewish community," said Hebron Jewish community spokesman Noam Arnon. "Where will children play? In the middle of the road where they may be run over by a car?"

Arnon said the Jewish community is working on a plan to

show the authorities that involves building a bypass road for the Palestinians to use, thus preventing heavy traffic in front of the Jewish houses.

"That way they will be happy and we will be safer," he said.

On Sunday, when settlers attempted to disrupt the work by parking cars along the road, police towed their cars away.

Three days later, IDF soldiers and Hebron settlers were haggling over centimeters. Outside Beit Schneerson, Arnon pointed to the sidewalk.

"No one will be able to walk here; it's too narrow," he said.

Metal stakes freshly set in cement jut out in the middle of the planned sidewalk. Arnon pointed again: "Yesterday they said that the sidewalk would end where those rods are."

A soldier walked up to Arnon and pointed at the red and green chalk marks indicating where the completed sidewalk will be.

"Look," the soldier said, "yesterday we spoke about adding a few centimeters more to make it wider. Check now, it's at least 1.80 [meters] in width."

Arnon called for a tape measure, and found the soldier was right.

"It's an optical illusion but the width is according to what we agreed on yesterday. Don't take any notice of the red marks; the green marks are the ones to go by."

Shooting from a different angle was controversial Italian photographer Oliviero Toscani, who



Photographer Oliviero Toscani shoots pictures of Palestinian photographer Nasser Shiyukhi (right) and Israeli photographer Sharon Abbady, as they pose in the Hebron market yesterday. Toscani is photographing a new Benetton catalogue that will show coexistence between Palestinians and Israelis as they work together in their daily lives.

was in Hebron yesterday to take photographs for a new Benetton catalogue. Toscani was keen to focus his lens on Jews and Arabs working side by side.

While onlookers gawked, Toscani posed Palestinian Nasser

Shiyukhi and Israeli Sharon Abbady in front of a 30-meter wire fence erected to keep stones and firebombs buried by Palestinian protesters from flying into Israeli-ruled parts of the city.

"We're not looking for anything sensational. They're just two friends doing the same work on opposite sides," said Toscani.

Back on Shuhada Street, it was work as usual.

"All the politicians who visited

Hebron agreed the road plans endanger our security and safety. They agreed to help us and assured us that something would be done, and then they went home and did nothing," charged Arnon.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

Controversy over the Jewish settler moves on Ras al-Amud preoccupied Hebrew press commentators, providing an assortment of opinions.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Mayor Ehud Olmert thought that they control Moskowitiz, but this week they have realized that the Moskowitizes control them," states Yediot Aharonot's Nahum Barnea. He adds that this event proves Netanyahu's weakness.

"No one knows what he really wants and why. Yesterday, at Ras al-Amud both 'Peace Now' demonstrators and right wing settlers denounced Netanyahu."

Chemi Shalev of Ma'ariv asserts that "eviction of Jews who legally bought property in Ras al-Amud is Netanyahu's worst nightmare."

He adds that an eviction may shake the whole political system and the foundations of the coalition. If, on the other hand, Netanyahu does not act, the public will think he is submissive and leaders worldwide will think he is not a serious leader.

B. Michael in Yediot questions the need to settle next to the Mount of Olives. Despite the fact that it is a prestigious place to be buried, he adds, "it is a place which served our forefathers for pagan worship, and continues to do so, only the pagans have changed." He claims that no one is decent enough to admit that the

purpose of the invasion is to provoke and thwart any prospect of peace.

"What should have been taken for granted and regarded as natural is interpreted as provocative," writes Nadav Shragal for Ha'aretz. He adds that the government's responsibility is carried out by a number of passionate people. "If they didn't exist, the government would have had to invent them."

Economic upheaval

Yediot Aharonot exposes the Defense Ministry's and PM Office's plan to privatize Israeli defense industries. Gideon Eshet of Yediot Aharonot states that the timing of the news is problematic. "The discussions concerning privatization are in the midst of a quarrel between the government and the Histadrut. As of today, Amir Peretz and company are 'equipped' with several thousand more employees," he writes.

Privatization does not necessarily create new jobs; often the companies cut back on manpower, writes Yediot's Sever Plotzker in light of the growing unemployment rate, which reached a new record of 147,000 during August, and is expanding throughout the country.

He adds that Netanyahu's attack on the previous government, claiming it is responsible for the

recession, is not admissible. "The excuse he uses for security problems is unacceptable in economic issues."

Chief of Staff Amnon Shahak's remark this week that Israeli society shows symptoms of weariness, reflects what most people feel but do not express, claims Haim Hanegbi in Ma'ariv.

"Although equipped with the best weapons in the world, Israel '97 is like a blind man in the mist, learning that strength is not eternal," Sever Plotzker in Yediot rejects the gloomy scenario. "Israeli society has patience of iron and nerves of steel. It is strong and far from breakdown."

He adds that he is waiting for the day when the Chief of Staff takes responsibility for failure in Lebanon and stops inflicting false accusations of weariness on the public.

Pro-criticism

Ma'ariv's Yosef Lapid refers to Supreme Court President Aharon Barak's comment in his speech before the judge nomination committee, where he claimed that the criticism by the media of the judicial system in matters not within its expertise is unfitting in a democracy. "If not in a democracy then where else?" asks Lapid. "If only righteous people were to have freedom of expression, there would be silence in the world."

UN focuses on internal reform and finances at 52nd GA

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - The UN this week opened the 52nd session of the General Assembly on an inward-looking note, absorbed with matters that are of little concern to Israel.

"From the standpoint of other missions to the UN, there are much larger issues than the issues we normally deal with, such as reform of the UN, and will the UN have enough money to continue?" said Dore Gold, the new Israeli ambassador to the UN. "But from our perspective, we see the UN largely reflecting what's going on" in the region.

Although "certain parties" bring the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to the UN, "it is our judgment that if the world community is interested in seeing this [peace] process work, the best way of doing so is to keep the center of gravity in the region, not here at the United Nations," Gold said.

However, he said, the international community must state its rejection of violence.

"There are hard, murky ethnic conflicts in the post-Cold War era

that require a certain fundamental code of conduct to resolve them," Gold said in his Second Avenue office.

"The central pillar of that code of conduct is that violence cannot be an accepted means for advancement of negotiations, no matter how big the differences are. If that pillar is not accepted

by the world community, then I am very pessimistic about creating a new world order in the post-Cold War era."

The previous session of the UN saw numerous Security Council and General Assembly debates attacking the opening of the second entrance of the Western Wall tunnel in Jerusalem and plans for construction at Har Homa. The assembly also took the extraordinary step of convening a "special emergency session" to condemn Israel over Har Homa.

In the new session, the UN is expected to focus on a number of reform proposals and its financial crisis. The United States, the most forceful member of the UN, is also its largest debtor, owing the UN as much as \$1.5 billion.

Apart from money, the significant issue is the expansion of the 15-member Security Council. The US has proposed adding five new permanent members: Japan, Germany and three developing countries. It is not clear whether the new members would have the veto power that now is limited to the current permanent members: the US, Britain, France, Russia and China. The expansion is

opposed by Italy, which does not want to be excluded from a council seat.

Israel sits on the sidelines of the Security Council proposal because it is ineffectual to hold one of the non-permanent council seats. Those seats are apportioned by the regional groups, which has the effect of blocking Israeli participation because Israel is excluded from its regional bloc, the Arab Group. Jerusalem has been seeking admission, on a temporary basis, to the "Western European and Others" group.

The 52nd assembly could be "a watershed session" in which members would have the chance to revitalize the UN, said Hennadiy Udovenko of Ukraine, who was elected president of the assembly.

Udovenko, a career diplomat who had been Ukraine's foreign minister, was a UN envoy from 1985 to 1992, serving as vice-chairman of the UN Special Committee against Apartheid. He also participated in the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.



UN envoy Dore Gold (David Rubinger)

LAND MINE

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Clinton also sought an exception for US mines that protect anti-tank mines, Reuters reported from Oslo.

"No one should expect our people to expose our armed forces to unacceptable risks," the president said. But Clinton said the DMZ mines

are needed to protect against a North Korean invasion of South Korea.

Russia and China also are unwilling to endorse the anti-mine treaty.

The Oslo delegates are due to reconvene today to adopt a draft which will be submitted to them for signature in December.

"We have contributed financial aid to mine awareness projects in

Angola, and we are evaluating the possibilities of using Israeli expertise in mine clearance around the world," Bentsur said.

In a similar vein, Clinton cited his record on land mines, saying the US called for global elimination in 1994 and spent millions of dollars to remove mines around the world.

Bentsur said Israel supports a gradual process in which each

state will undertake to cease proliferation of anti-personnel land mines, accept restrictions on possible use and - once circumstances permit - ban the production and use of anti-personnel mines.

The drive for banning land mines has taken on emotional momentum since the death of Princess Diana, who had taken up the cause.

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HEALING MEANS TO MAKE WHOLE

Yonina Jacobs, M.A., B.S.S.H., clinical psychologist, healer, and gifted therapist, has taught, lectured, and consulted extensively with groups and individuals in the U.S., Europe and Israel for nineteen years. "Healing means to make whole," says Jacobs. "Our bodies have a marvelous built-in healing system with the ability to search out, diagnose and produce the pharmaceuticals necessary to heal. But sometimes we get so out of balance that the system can't work as it should. We, as healers, try to restore the ability of the body to do the work it was designed to do."

Jacobs says: "Healing is as old as the planet. Our planet is electromagnetic in nature and everything alive on the planet has an electromagnetic field in and around it. We are all healers in that we are constantly transferring and transmitting energy; it is not really possible to teach healing. The School of Healing was established to teach people how to learn healing. Anyone can learn to use loving energy if they have an open heart and open mind."

The course is an intensive one year course from November to September and consists of 373 hours taught in small classes in both Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in English or in Hebrew. It includes Chai Gong, a type of meditative movement: "We must know how to feel the flow of energies in our own body before we can expect to feel it in others." The students study the energy systems of the body, how they work, how they affect us and our lives and how we affect them. They study technique and get hands-on experience. They learn about the different frequencies and how to know what to run and when, when to put energy into the body and when to remove it, and so on.

Basic anatomy, physiology and pathology are also taught in the course. "We work with the body, we must learn how the body works," she adds.

The student receives a certificate at the end of the course.

Jacobs has treated all sorts of problems, from migraines, allergies and chronic pain, to arthritis, cancer and AIDS, frequently working alongside of doctors. Her students include people from all walks of life, including doctors and nurses. Some of them are practicing healers today.

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NEWS

in brief

MKs visit elderly barricaded in absorption center

Members of the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee visited the Karmiel absorption center yesterday, where elderly immigrants have barricaded themselves to press their demands for housing.

"Since no immediate solution has been found for finding housing for the elderly immigrants in the next few days, I have asked the Jewish Agency to provide the basic humane conditions for the elderly who are barricaded here, and make their stay here tolerable," committee chairman MK Naomi Blumenthal said.

Karmiel Mayor Adi Eldar said he was glad that the committee had visited, "but unfortunately I have no oews for the immigrants, and we apparently will need to take more drastic action to reach a fair solution for them."

Arveh Dean Cohen

Jewish graveyard desecrated in Berlin

Unknown assailants desecrated graves in Berlin's largest Jewish cemetery in an overnight attack, German police said yesterday. Several gravestones were torn down and seriously damaged, but police said there was no evidence, such as neo-Nazi slogans or Swastikas, to suggest an antisemitic motive.

The leader of Berlin's Jewish community, Andreas Nachama, who visited the cemetery, said the attack was an outrage even if it turned out to be an act of vandalism.

Reuters

Switzerland names Meed to replace Bronfman

The Swiss government yesterday approved the replacement of World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman on the board to distribute aid to needy Holocaust survivors.

The Federal Council accepted Bronfman's decision to step down, and his nomination of Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, as his successor on the board which distributes \$190 million to needy survivors. Switzerland said it awaited the naming of a replacement for Meed on another advisory board called the Special Fund Council which helps war survivors.

AP

Respecting others to be school-year theme

"The Right to Respect and the Duty to Respect Others" will be the special topic taught in the nation's schools during the 1998-99 school year, Education Minister Ze'ev Elkin announced yesterday. The ministry will prepare educational material on the subject during this year.

This year's topic is 50 years since the establishment of the state, and last year's was 100 years of Zionism.

Arveh Dean Cohen

PM's prize for computer scientist awarded

Weizmann Institute Prof. David Harel and Prof. Ya'acov Shweike, a renowned lexicographer, yesterday received the Prime Minister's Prize for Computer Programming at a ceremony in the Knesset auditorium. Harel created a new and original computer language based on visual structures, meant to provide clear, exact and intuitive descriptions of the behavior of complex systems. As a result, computer scientists around the world have adopted his idea. Shweike, the author of Ray Milim (a Hebrew-Hebrew dictionary), adapted his work to multimedia. The Center for Educational Technology in Ramat Aviv has produced two CD-ROMs, one for all ages and a multimedia effort for children and teenagers who want to understand Hebrew words, terms and expressions.

Judy Siegel

C'tee rejects shutting ministry

By JUDY SIEGEL

Science Minister Michael Eitan received no support from the Knesset Science and Technology Committee yesterday for his proposal to shut down his ministry.

But he received a unanimous endorsement for his proposal to establish a statutory and powerful National Council for Research and Development (NCRD).

Eitan told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had in fact erred by highlighting the idea of closing the ministry while presenting plans for reorganizing national scientific research.

"I should just have spoken about the NCRD and the benefits it would bring," he said.

If the NCRD is established by Knesset vote, then it would take care of setting national science priorities and supervising research, and "everyone would realize that it is no longer necessary to have a ministry," Eitan said.

Eitan was uncomfortably without allies at the tense, three-hour committee meeting, which was chaired by Labor MK Dalia Itzik.

All those present, among them scientists and former science ministers Ze'ev Binyamin Begin and Prof. Shimon Shetreet, spoke against canceling the ministry.

They also intimated there was a connection between the NCRD proposal and Eitan's demands to fire 90 ministry employees.

President Ezer Weizman, a former science minister as well, sent a letter opposing the closing of the ministry.

A committee statement said the science ministry is a "central factor because human scientific capital, dependent on programs for basic scientific research, have no lobby or patron except for the ministry."

"I suggest a cease-fire," Eitan said after the session. "I never intended to close the ministry until legislation went through," he added. Eitan intends to continue as science minister working from the Prime Minister's Office.

Doctors continue sanctions

By JUDY SIEGEL and film

A 24-hour warning strike by public hospital and health fund doctors ends at 7 a.m., but outpatient clinics in hospitals from Hadera northward will be shut down today.

The Israel Medical Association said more sanctions would be staged next week. The doctors are protesting the Treasury's failure to start implementing an agreement to provide 360 more doctors' slots in public hospitals over the next few years.

The hospitals affected today by doctors' sanctions are Hillel Yoffe in Hadera, Ha'emek in Afila, Rambam, Bnai Zion and Carmel in Haifa, Poriya in Tiberias, Steiff in Safed and the

Nahariya Government Hospital.

Sanctions were planned today in other sectors as well.

Na'amat and WIZO day-care centers will only open at 10, and in eight cities - Tel Aviv, Rehovot, Kfar Saba, Beersheba, Netanya, Or Yebuda, Haifa and Holon. Inspectors will not issue parking tickets.

Job actions and workers' assemblies also are planned at the Israel Electric Corp., the Public Works Department, the Defense Ministry, the Transportation Ministry, the Israel Lands Administration, the Meteorological Institute, and various municipalities and regional councils.

Hisadrut chairman Amir Peretz again suggested he may call a general strike. He also told

a demonstration in Haifa.

"I feel like someone who's holding a time bomb, and if, God forbid, I release the safety catch on it, I don't know what the results will be."

The Hisadrut has been protesting government plans for privatization and pension plan reforms.

The Haifa area was especially hard hit by sanctions yesterday. Trains were delayed for two hours, the port was paralyzed for several hours, and several intersections were blocked by protesters.

In the south, about 50 demonstrators laid down on a road, blocking traffic for several minutes at the Kastina junction in Kiryat Malachi, before police forced them to leave.



Architect Moshe Safdie (right) shows Yad Vashem chairman Avner Shalev his new design for the Holocaust memorial.

Yad Vashem going high-tech

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Yad Vashem will undergo renovations to accommodate a growing stream of visitors in a high-tech era.

Prize-winning architect Moshe Safdie has designed a dramatic wedge that will cut sharply across the mountain, and feature a huge underground exhibition center, computer stations and video theaters.

At a cost of \$50 million the "Yad Vashem 2001" project will target a young generation growing up in the computer age and "in a period in which there will be fewer living Holocaust survivors" to tell their story, Avner Shalev, Yad Vashem's chairman, said yesterday.

Shalev also noted a tremendous increase in interest in Holocaust studies, and the museum's increasing popularity, with nearly 1.4 million people having visited in the past year.

Explaining his design at a news conference yesterday, Safdie said he had sought a "non-building" kind of structure, believing that "conventional buildings are not appropriate for telling the story of the Holocaust."

He also geared the design to enable the museum to remain open during renovations.

The design features a new entrance plaza that seeks to avoid

the appearance of a train station, and which should, according to Safdie, "separate the sacred from the profane."

In the visitors' center, 12 hollow columns will support a trellis-like roof over a 2,500 meter structure, creating the impression of a succa. Displays will tell an introductory story to Yad Vashem.

Visitors will cross a bridge on the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations before entering the actual museum, which will be shaped like a 175-meter long spine. Much of it will be underground, providing an expanded 3,000 square meters of exhibition space.

The museum will be one-way and completely linear "like the story itself - it will start somewhere and end somewhere," Safdie explained.

"It penetrates through the mountain as if it were driven through by force... it then actually goes through the mountain, with just its apex peaking through above, and as it comes to the oorb, to the end, it bursts out of the mountain as if ripped apart,

and opens into the light," he said.

Once through this tunnel-like museum, visitors may choose between an art gallery, a hall housing temporary exhibits, or proceed to the Hall of Remembrance or Children's Memorial.

Computer stations will offer multimedia presentations. A screening center will show documentaries or other films on request, and offer master copies of videos of tens of thousands of survivors made by Steven Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation.

Designers are still mulling over the shape of the museum's galleries, whether to create a hall that would give a feeling of descent into the earth or to create "almost cave-like" rooms, Safdie said.

Eli Zborowski, Chairman of the American Society for Yad Vashem which is footing a third of the renovations bill, said: "We survivors know how we were alone in the tragedy, and we want to have that period of time documented entering into the 21st century... to explain our tragedy. It is our obligation to do that."

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GOP youth lose glamor

By JANET HOOK

WASHINGTON — Three years ago, he was a gleaming exemplar of the Republican Party's future. Freshly elected to Congress in 1994 as part of the conservative vanguard of self-styled revolutionaries, Rep. David M. McIntosh of Indiana was brimming with energy to upend the ways of Washington. An acolyte of House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia), he was rewarded with the kind of power and position rarely granted a greenhorn.

McIntosh now finds himself in a very different place: at odds with GOP leaders as the party takes an increasingly conciliatory tack. It got so bad this summer, after a failed conservative effort to oust Gingrich, that McIntosh was seen as the target of a threat by the speaker to take retribution on disloyal Republicans.

McIntosh's transformation from golden boy to "enfant terrible" of the House GOP is representative of the changing fortunes of the Republican generation — the big 1994 class of rambunctious Republicans who tipped the partisan balance of power in the House for the first time in a generation and set the confrontational tone for their first year in power.

If the rebels were in the driver's seat then, they are riding in a sidecar now.

All this year, they have been fighting an uphill battle to steer the House on a more conservative course. They were the core of GOP opposition to the budget-balancing deal between congress-

ional leaders and the White House, which passed overwhelmingly. They were ringleaders of the bungled effort to oust Gingrich.

Last week, they tied up the House for days with an effort to rewrite a social-spending bill that didn't square with their conservative principles. They did manage to wrangle some victories — including a cut in President Clinton's Goals 2000 education-reform initiative — and they are expected this week to win a vote to block funding for Clinton's national education testing plan. But they lost on dozens of other amendments, and the social-spending bill as a whole is expected to remain unacceptable to most conservatives.

That debate has crystallized the quandary that has faced this cadre of conservatives all year: They are clamoring for a confrontational approach to Clinton at a time when many of their GOP colleagues, including a speaker who is trying to repair the political damage suffered during a lengthy ethics investigation, have concluded that the public wants Congress to end the partisan bickering and get on with the nation's business.

"They are behaving the way Newt Gingrich trained them to behave," said John F. Pitney Jr., a political scientist at Claremont McKenna College. "But now the program is different. Compromise has replaced confrontation in Gingrich's order of the day."

The fate of the class of '94 provides a window into a battle royal about the Republican Party's direction in the wake of the budget-balancing deal. With that

grand compromise behind them, conservatives are reasserting themselves with demands that the GOP push a bolder agenda featuring more tax cuts, anti-abortion initiatives and opposition to affirmative action.

Although their numbers are dwindling, the class of '94 will continue to have a loud voice in the debate. And even if they don't get their way, they will keep up the pressure on the party not to drift too far from its conservative base.

"This gets discouraging," said Marshall "Mark" Sanford (R-South Carolina) "but if we weren't here, where would the party be?"

Sanford is one of 73 Republicans elected to the House in 1994 — the huge influx that gave their party control of Congress for the first time in 40 years. They were, by and large, conservatives with a passionate anti-Washington streak. They were hell-bent on more than traditional GOP goals of cutting taxes and balancing the federal budget. They wanted to smash the business-as-usual, log-rolling mind-set of the Washington establishment.

They were loyal foot soldiers who helped drive the GOP agenda in 1995, as the Republicans' "Contract with America" swept through the House. Their fervor helped stiffen the spines of GOP leaders when they went to battle with Clinton. Their resistance to compromise had a powerful influence on the budget strategy that produced two government shutdowns in the winter of 1995-96.

But when those shutdowns proved to be politically disastrous, with polls showing that the GOP bore the brunt of the blame, Republican leaders began backing away from the politics of confrontation. A more conciliatory approach in 1996 produced compromises with Clinton on welfare, health-care and minimum-wage laws.

After the 1996 elections, only 58 members of the class of '94 remained in the House, and the

political landscape became even more inhospitable. Many in their party saw the outcome of the 1996 election — returning a Democrat to the White House and a narrower GOP majority in Congress — as a sign the public wants the two parties to work together and put a lid on partisan combat. GOP leaders set a cautious strategy of letting Clinton set the agenda.

To be sure, not everyone in the class of '94 is unhappy with that course. The class is not, and never was, a conservative monolith because it includes several moderates like Ray LaHood (R-Illinois).

"Some ran on the idea that they wanted to turn the place inside out," LaHood said. "The rest of us are more interested in trying to make something happen."

But the class includes a cohesive core of roughly 20 conservative activists who continue to meet, plot and coordinate their causes — a potentially potent faction at a time when Republicans have only a 20-vote edge over the Democrats in the House. Several classmates were so eager to stick together this year that they arranged to have offices on the same hallway, dubbed the "hard-core floor." This cadre has repeatedly surfaced as thorns in the side of the House GOP leadership.

The fact that the 1994 class is such a tough crowd is a reflection, in part, of how they got to Washington. Many were not career politicians and imposed term limits on themselves. As a result, they tend to be less inclined to be deferential or to patiently wait for power to flow to them.

"They came in with the term-limits attitude: We're going to Congress to do a certain job, then we're going to come home and do something different," said David Mason, senior fellow at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. "If things get too bad, I can walk away."

(The Los Angeles Times)



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Feds urged not to buy Microsoft

By JUBE SHIVER JR

WASHINGTON — Stymied in their bid to persuade the Justice Department to take stronger antitrust action against Microsoft Corp., consumer groups are pressing the federal government to buy more software from Microsoft's rivals.

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader raised the issue of how the federal government decides which software it purchases with the \$1 billion it spends annually, during a meeting with Douglas Melamed, deputy assistant attorney general at the Justice Department. Nader and Jamie Love, director of the Consumer Project on Technology, argued that it is as unwise for the government to rely on a single software supplier as it would be to depend on a single defense contractor.

"The current procurement standards push the government toward Microsoft products," said Love, whose Washington-based watchdog group focuses on computer policy matters. Under a year-old procurement reform measure, federal agencies have the flexibility to purchase computer products without the previous red tape over product specifications and price. But privately, many software developers say the measure has strengthened Microsoft's hold on the market, since many federal employees want to use the same Microsoft software products they use at home.

Microsoft's MS-DOS and Windows software operates 80 percent of the world's personal computers, and Microsoft Office software, a collection of word processing, spreadsheet and other programs, is now the leading package of business applications, selling about 1 million copies a month.

Justice officials did not indicate whether they would support Nader's plan, which the consumer advocate will present this month to the General Services Administration, the federal government's procurement arm.

Vivek Varma, a spokesman for Microsoft based in Redmond, Washington, said the company had not heard of Nader's proposal but argued that Microsoft's success in the market stemmed from its superior product offerings.

"Government agencies need to get the best value they can for their technology [investment], and Microsoft offers great technology at attractive prices," Varma said.

Consumer groups from five states are scheduled to visit Capitol Hill Monday to lobby legislators to hold hearings on Microsoft's business practices in the wake of the software giant's recent multimillion-dollar investment in rival Apple Computer Co.

For more than a year, the Justice Department's antitrust division has been examining several Microsoft purchases and investments in other software and hardware companies. The Justice Department has taken no action against Microsoft and has not indicated what, if any, business behavior they are focusing on.

But the agency is believed to be interested in Microsoft's Internet activities, including the marketing of Microsoft's forthcoming Internet browser and several investments in technologies that allow computers to receive audio and video over the Internet.

In July, Microsoft acquired 10 percent of Progressive Networks and licensed Progressive Networks' RealAudio and RealVideo real-time streaming computer data transmission formats. Microsoft also acquired another Silicon Valley audio-video startup, VxTreme Inc. Those deals come on top of Microsoft's \$425 million purchase of WebTV.

Experts believe Microsoft hopes to use these investments to establish an industry standard for deploying multimedia technology over the Internet.

In addition, Microsoft is gearing up to give away copies of the latest version of its Internet browser — a tactic archrival Netscape Communications used to become the dominant Web browser. But critics say that the giveaway, scheduled to begin September 30, is evidence that Microsoft is using predatory pricing and its software dominance to gain control of everything from the Internet to television.

The plays have begun to unnerve some rival software makers who had not spoken out publicly against Microsoft out of fear of reprisals.

Executives of Powerquest Corp. in Orem, Utah, for instance, say sales of their new Drive Image software have been hurt because Microsoft has vowed to withhold technical support from customers who install Drive Image or other products that use similar technology to copy files on a hard drive in order to quickly restore them in the event of a computer crash.

Microsoft said the policy helps avert possible unauthorized duplication of its software products. But Robert Raymond, Powerquest's vice president of development, says he believes Microsoft won't help users of imaging software because Microsoft plans to offer its own solution in the next version of Windows.

(Los Angeles Times)



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A different joint venture

By R. JEFFREY SMITH

An American military drill in Kazakhstan indicates importance of resource-rich region

SHYMKENT, Kazakhstan - In an unprecedented display of US military interest in energy- and mineral-rich Central Asia, US paratroopers jumped this week from Air Force cargo planes onto an arid plateau near here to practice international peace-keeping.

The week-long, US-led exercise is being conducted jointly with 120 troops from Turkey, Russia and four other nations and has been billed as the longest airborne military expedition in history. Troops from the Army's 82nd Airborne Division embarked early Sunday morning from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for a 19-hour nonstop flight to this former Soviet republic.

By spending an estimated \$5 million to rapidly deploy forces 12,300 km. from home, the Pentagon is demonstrating its desire to encourage and reinforce greater political independence and stability among friendly nations in this region, according to several officials here.

They noted that Kazakhstan and the two other key participants in the exercise - Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan - stand at a key commercial and

political crossroads between Europe, Asia and the Middle East, in a region formerly dominated by the Soviet Union.

"What we need here are independent, sovereign states that are able to defend themselves," said Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary Catherine Kelleher, who arrived Sunday to observe. She cited the "potential for conflict, plus the presence of enormous energy resources" in justifying US involvement.

Kelleher did not specify what conflicts worry Washington the most, but ethnic or religious tensions already exist nearby in Afghanistan, Tajikistan and Kashmir, parts of which are claimed by India and Pakistan. Roughly 1,000 km. southwest of this dusty and decrepit Kazakh city is Iran, which has sought to expand its influence in the area at the expense of the West, several officials said.

But it is the region's immense, untapped deposits of minerals and oil that have prompted experts and politicians to predict that the fate of Central Asia's

nations could affect the world balance of power. The Caspian Sea, 1,280 km. northwest of here, is home to a pool of oil that exceeds the North Sea's reserves and rivals those beneath Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

In Turkmenistan, to the southwest, experts say a pool of natural gas could be the largest in the world. Although most of these resources are likely to be consumed by China, India and other neighboring nations rather than by the United States, the American oil companies Chevron Corp. and Mobil Corp. already have staked nearly \$7 million to help develop the Tengiz oil fields surrounding the Caspian Sea.

US Ambassador to Kazakhstan A. Elizabeth Jones also noted that the region's resources will be "a backup or fill-in" to those of the Middle East, in the event that US purchases from there should ever be interrupted. But she said Washington's desire primarily was to help the nations defend themselves, not to pre-

pare for any future US military rescue.

A total of 1,329 troops are taking part, acting in response to a hypothetical UN request for assistance in enforcing the settlement of a border dispute and also quelling local opposition from roving, separatist forces that are assisted by a foreign power.

A Kazakh officer, Col. Alexei Riskin, said the scenario is based on conflicts that already have occurred in the former Soviet Union, but did not elaborate.

The first person to parachute is expected to be Marine Corps Gen. John Sheehan, commander in chief of the US Atlantic Command, which is sponsoring the exercise. Sheehan, who had been in the running to become chairman of the joint chiefs of staff but was passed over, is retiring this week.

Some of the foreign forces are from a newly formed battalion consisting of troops from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, Islamic nations that were forged in 1991 from the shards of the former Soviet Union and remain economic rivals. Forty members of the battalion were trained at Fort Bragg for the jump. Their task will be to help secure an imaginary airfield in fields owned by the Kazakh military before helping police the surrounding area.

The nations are participants in the US-sponsored Partnership for Peace program, organized by NATO to help former Moscow allies become accustomed to military cooperation with the West.

Although Russia has been wary of an expanded NATO presence in Central Europe, several US officials said Moscow and Washington recognize they have a common interest in enhancing the stability of the moderate Islamic outposts on Russia's southern border.

As a result, Russian military officers have been heavily involved in preparations for the exercise, and 49 Russian paratroopers are to take part. The only Russian protest to date was mounted last week outside the US Embassy in Almaty, the capital of Kazakhstan, by several dozen communists who said they are opposed to the presence of US troops.

"If in 1992 someone had told me that in 1997, American airborne troops would be dropping in the same zone as Russians from their home outposts, I would have told them they were crazy," said Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Martin Berndt, a director of exercises and joint training.

"We believe the door is open to this type of thing. We want to push it open a little bit further." Reporters were sent here from Washington to cover the exercise as a test of the Defense Department's media pool system, established to ensure that journalists can witness the deployment of US forces overseas in wartime.

They were informed of the trip seven hours before departure last Friday and were out to advance where they would go. (Washington Post)



The Clintons' only daughter joins Stanford, leaving behind a sheltered life in Washington. Here she is seen in a file phototaken the day her father announced his first bid for the presidency.

Chelsea goes to college

By ADRIAN CROFT

PALO ALTO, California (Reuters) - Among the 1,660 excited but nervous new students arriving at California's Stanford University this week, one will stand out from the crowd - President Bill Clinton's daughter, Chelsea.

Leaving behind a sheltered life in Washington, the 17-year-old only child of the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is striking out on her own, moving 5,000 km from the White House to the palm-tree-dotted campus of Stanford, one of America's elite private universities.

She goes from the formal surroundings of the nation's capital to the laid-back atmosphere of a sunny California campus. The Clintons will join other proud parents who accompany their children to Stanford on September 19, when students move into their dorms, parents are briefed on university life, and an opening convocation is held.

Chelsea Clinton and her parents hope she can have a life just like any other Stanford undergrad. Other students, however, question whether that will be possible. "I just wonder what kind of life she's going to be leading here at college," said Gabriela Arias, 20, a junior majoring in human biology. "I'm a bit jealous because all the professors are going to know her already."

Chelsea Clinton's public appearances in Washington, where she attended the exclusive Sidwell Friends School, were carefully rationed. But she may come under closer media scrutiny away from home.

As the president's daughter, she will get secret service protection at Stanford, which lies at the heart of the Silicon Valley 55 km south of San Francisco. But some stu-

dents think she could be a target of the news media, including the paparazzi.

"I think she will have a problem with that - like reporters popping up at the dorms or at frat parties," Arias said. But the coed thinks initial curiosity will die down, allowing Chelsea Clinton to lead a normal life.

Noting that actor Fred Savage studies at Stanford and golf star Tiger Woods recently left, Arias said students there were "pretty used to having famous people around all the time."

The editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, the *Stanford Daily*, has promised that once Clinton settles in, the newspaper will not hound her as a celebrity. William Daly, a security expert with consulting firm Kroll Associates, said he expected that secret service agents would monitor Clinton's activities from a distance and "allow her enough freedom to have her own college life. I wouldn't expect an agent to be in the classroom with her."

That base level of security could be stepped up if the secret service learned of any kind of threat to her, he said. Agents selected to shadow her "might be younger-looking, to fit into the college scene. I wouldn't be surprised if you saw them walking around with backpacks," he added.

It surprised many when the White House announced in April that the president's daughter had chosen Stanford rather than following in the footsteps of her parents, who attended Eastern schools. "I think she wanted to branch out and be her own person," Mrs. Clinton said at the time. Asked what it would be like to have his only daughter be so far away, President Clinton joked earlier this year: "Well, the planes run out there, and the phones

work out there, and the e-mail works out there, so we'll be all right."

AT STANFORD, nicknamed "The Farm," Clinton will rub shoulders with some of the nation's brightest students. Only one in 10 applicants was selected for entry in 1997. Almost half of those offered admission had straight-A records.

Undergraduate tuition fees at Stanford for 1997/98 are \$21,300 (NIS 74,550). Room and board costs \$7,557 (NIS 26,449).

The high-powered faculty includes 10 Nobel Prize winners and five Pulitzer Prize winners. Famous alumni of the school, founded in 1891, include Republican president Herbert Hoover and former secretary of state Warren Christopher.

Stanford and White House officials are tight-lipped about the life Clinton will lead on campus. "We respect the privacy of all our students, so we are not going to talk about any of them individually," university spokesman Terry Shepard said.

The university would not confirm what she will study, although Mrs. Clinton said in April that her daughter wanted to pursue a medical career.

Neel Lattimore, a spokesman for Mrs. Clinton in Washington, said people had been wonderful to Chelsea Clinton in Washington and she had lived as normal a life as possible. "The president, Mrs. Clinton, and Chelsea are hoping for the same positive experience at Stanford," he said.

Lattimore said Clinton would be living in a dorm. All freshman dorms at Stanford are coed and, while living arrangements vary, most rooms are shared by two students.

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IMF sees longest period of global growth in 25 years

The world economy is likely to expand as much as 4.5 percent this year and next and is set for its longest period of sustained growth in at least 25 years, the International Monetary Fund said.

That compares with an average rate of growth in the global economy of 3.75% between 1970 and 1996, the IMF said.

The bullish forecast, tempered only by cuts in the fund's growth projections for Japan and Southeast Asia, reads like a primer for the so-called New Economy worldwide.

Stable prices and moderate interest rates, most notably in the US, are creating an environment for sustainable growth at a rate not seen in a decade.

"The US economy continues to perform extremely well," said Michael Mussa, the IMF's research director.

For the year ahead, better-than-expected growth in the US, Canada and Italy, will be mitigated by a slowdown in Japan and developing nations in Asia and Africa, the IMF said in its latest World Economic Outlook, released today.

The US economy should grow 3.7% this year and 2.6% in 1998, cooled in part by expected Federal Reserve interest-rate increases, the IMF forecast.

Movements in those currencies since 1995 "have corrected earlier misalignments," the IMF said, echoing the official policy position of the Group of Seven industrialized nations.

Above all, though, low inflation plays the key role in the rosy outlook. In the US, where the economy is in its seventh year of expansion, consumer prices rose at a 1.6% annual pace for the first eight months of the year.

Worldwide, the IMF expects oil prices to drop 5.1% this year and 1.8% in 1998 in dollar terms.

ground purposes, even if it proves not to be market moving.

"It's a good chance to stand back and look at what's going on in the globe," said James Glassman, chief domestic economist at Chase Securities in New York.

The absence of major imbalances in the global economy helps explain the expected pickup in the world's gross domestic product to an annual rate of growth as high as 4.5% this year and next, stronger than the average rate of growth in the world economy since 1970 - 3.75%.

For one thing, governments throughout the world are trimming budget deficits with "increasing determination," the IMF said.

Exchange rates among the major currencies, taking account of relative cyclical conditions, are generally within ranges that appear to be consistent with the IMF's growth forecast, according to the economic outlook.

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Non-fuel commodities prices will likely fall 2.7% this year and 2.7% in 1998. Consumer prices are expected to rise 2.2% this year and 2.3% in 1998 in industrialized nations, compared with a 10.0% jump this year and an 8.9% gain next year in developing nations, the IMF said.

"A high degree of price stability remains an impressive achievement shared by almost all of the advanced economies," the IMF said.

The world's 10 best-performing stock market indexes are all up better than 40% during the past year, led by the emerging markets of eastern Europe and Latin America.

Questions also remain about whether the European Monetary Union will result in the euro currency being in place on schedule in January 1999.

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Yamaichi banned from underwriting as execs arrested

Japanese authorities arrested five Yamaichi Securities Co. executives and banned the brokerage from underwriting government bonds on suspicion it made illegal payoffs to a corporate racketeer.

Yamaichi, Japan's fourth-largest brokerage, is suspected of making about \$650,000 in illegal payments to Ryuichi Koike.

"I apologize from the bottom of my heart," said Yamaichi President Shobei Nozawa. "I'd like to bidie in a hole if there was one."

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Police arrested Mitsuharu Matsushita, 55, a director and former manager of Yamaichi's Tokyo area sales department, and Shuji Suesada, 48, a director and former manager of the brokerage's stocks division.

They also arrested three former executives - Shigeo Sekimoto, 56, a former manager in Yamaichi's stock department; Shigetaro Iwasa, 66, former president in the general affairs department; and Hidekuo Iyama, 58, former senior managing director in charge of equities.

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Israel 54th in FIFA rankings

FIFA published its monthly rating of National sides yesterday. The top ten teams are currently Brazil, Germany, Romania, Holland, Denmark, Spain, England, Norway, Colombia and Argentina. Israel dropped eleven places to a world ranking of 54.

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Brive ordered to play Bath match

DUBLIN (Reuters) - French rugby union club Brive were on Wednesday ordered to play their European Cup match against Bath on Saturday. The defending champions had requested a postponement of the Pool C game after they claimed three players - Christophe Lamaison, Philippe Carbonneau and David Venditti - were hurt in a bar-room brawl with Pontypridd players last Sunday.

Hill dumped by Arrows

LONDON (Reuters) - World champion Damon Hill was dropped yesterday by the Arrows motor racing team which announced Finland's Mika Salo will partner Brazilian Pedro Diniz next season. Hill has made no secret of his wish to leave Arrows and last month said he had turned down an offer to drive for McLaren in 1998. He is now expected to join either the Prost or Jordan teams.

Cricketer charged after insult fracas

TORONTO (Reuters) - Canadian police charged Pakistani cricketer Inzamam-ul-Haq with three counts of assault on Tuesday after he allegedly clobbered a heckler with a cricket bat for calling him a "potato."

England rugby looks ahead to new era under Woodward

MARLOW (Reuters) - New England rugby union coach Clive Woodward met his squad for the first time yesterday with his sights already set on topping the Southern Hemisphere powers at the 1999 World Cup in Wales. Woodward, team manager Roger Utley and New Zealander John Mitchell, named as Woodward's assistant, introduced themselves to the country's 77 best players at a get-together at Bisham Abbey after the Rugby Football Union finally ended weeks of speculation about who would succeed Jack Rowell, who resigned last month.

Newcastle beat Barcelona 3-2

LONDON (AP) - Explosive Colombian Faustino Asprilla scored a hat-trick on two high-flying headers and converted a disputed penalty as Newcastle dumped Spanish giant Barcelona 3-2 last night, one of 12 matches which opened the new Champions League campaign. The quick Colombian gave Newcastle a 1-0 lead in the 22nd minute on a disputed penalty called on goalkeeper Rued Hesp as the Dutchman dived for a loose ball and Asprilla went down in a heap. But there was no doubt about the other two goals against the Spaniards, who looked flat early in the match.



CONSOLATION EFFORT - Rosenborg's Mini Jakobsen tries to pass Real Madrid defender Fernando Hierro during their match last night. Jakobsen scored the Norwegian side's consolation goal in their 4-1 drubbing by the Spaniards.

winner the last two years of the Champions Cup, also got a goal in the 34th from Filippo Inzaghi, another in the 67th from Zinedine Zidane and the final one near the end by Alessandro Birindelli. In Istanbul, defending champion Borussia Dortmund got off on the right foot by beating Turkey's Galatasaray 1-0. A bad pass by Galatasaray's defense in the 74th minute gave the ball to Borussia Dortmund's Stephane Chapuisat. The Swiss striker had no trouble getting by the lone Galatasaray defender in the penalty area before scoring the winning goal.

Hap. Petah Tikva return from Vienna with hope

By ORI LEWIS and agencies

Hapoel Petah Tikva return from Vienna today with some hope of achieving the unthinkable in two weeks' time - a berth in the second round of the UEFA Cup. Although they were on the defensive for almost the entire match against Rapid Vienna, who won 1-0 through a first half goal by Oliver Freund, the return leg in Petah Tikva on September 30 could be a very different affair, as coach Nir Levin will have captain Beony Kozoshvili and Andrei Kristofic back at his disposal after both were suspended for Tuesday night's match.

Champions League results

Table with 6 columns: Group A, Group B, Group C, Group D, Group E, Group F. Each group lists the teams, scores, and attendance for their matches.

Beersheba take on Roda JC in Cup Winners' Cup

By AMMANJAH DE VRIES. Hapoel Beersheba will host the Dutch side Roda JC tomorrow in the first leg of their first-round European Cup Winners Cup tie. Beersheba beat Lithuanian side Zalgiris Vilnius in the second round of preliminary play, holding them to a goalless draw in Vilnius on August 14 and winning 2-1 in extra time at home a fortnight later.

EuroLeague basketball tourney begins tonight

Maccabi battles Limoges in home opener

By BRIAN FREEMAN. Maccabi Tel Aviv launches its EuroLeague season tonight against Limoges at Yad Eliahu with the aim of returning to the Final Four for the first time since 1991. It's quite a few years since Maccabi was one of the preeminent teams in Europe, and the club hopes that its off-season moves will finally bring it back to the continental pinnacle.



HIGH HOPES - Will Randy White rise to the occasion again this season?

all last season in the Euro League due to injury. Also gone is head coach Zvi Sherf, who left to take the top post with PAOK Salonika and was replaced by Maccabi's first-ever European coach, Croatian Vinko Jelovac. The main addition to the team is 23-year-old foreign center Rashard Griffith (2.11 meters), who played with Turkey's Tofas last season.

How it works

The 24 clubs participating in the EuroLeague are divided into four groups of six teams. After each team faces the five other clubs in its group twice, all teams advance to the next stage, taking their opponents with them. The top three teams in each group form a bracket with the bottom three clubs from another group.

Jerusalem debuts vs. Kinder-Bologna

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN. Hapoel Jerusalem makes its debut in the EuroLeague tonight, taking on Italy's Kinder Bologna at Malha (Sports Channel, 18.50), but coach Gadi Kedar has to be wondering whether the timing is right for his club's grand entry into the unforgiving European arena.

Sports Editors: Joseph Holtzman and Ori Lewis

Maccabi Tel Aviv's schedule table listing dates, times, and opponents for the season.

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Weekender Mighty Mira

Following her success as a ditsy blonde in 'Romy and Michele's High School Reunion,' Mira Sorvino is determined not to be typecast

By DOUGLAS J. ROWE

Ask Mira Sorvino a question, and you get an answer structured like latticework. There are footnotes, digressions, elaborations and qualifications. She can sound like the polysyllabic Harvard graduate she is, but her spiraling responses can also resonate like a talmudic scholar wrapped inside a Jesuit.

Sorvino earnestly talks about her new film *Mimic*, a science-fiction thriller in which she plays a scientist who eradicates an epidemic threatening children, then discovers the monstrous aftermath of the cure.

Coming off a ditsy role in her current movie *Romy and Michele's High School Reunion*, Sorvino says she's not following any career plans in terms of what roles she plays.

"I'm always affected by my mood and what I have a taste for at that point. My decision-making process is instinctual rather than rational. It's not terribly tactical," says Sorvino.

"And people keep telling me that my choices are so unconventional. That's because I'm not following a plan," says the actress who won the 1995 supporting actress Academy Award for playing a squeaky-voiced hooker-porn performer in Woody Allen's *Mighty Aphrodite*.

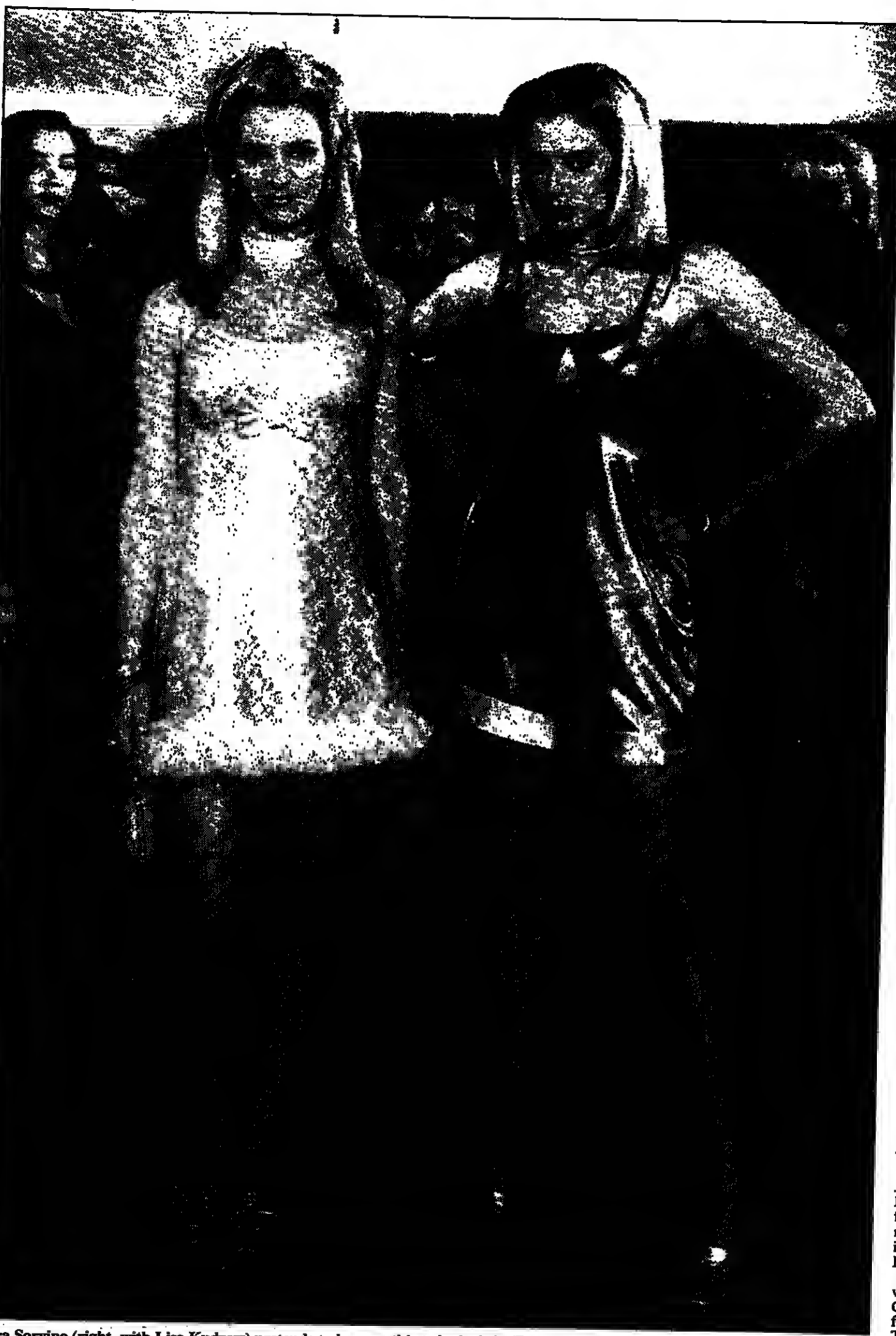
"There are goals but there isn't really a plan. I don't know what I want to achieve. If I wanted to hit a career level in terms of monetary success, then I guess it would be more like a business plan. I'd start off doing a domestic film that has widespread foreign appeal. Then I would work with such-and-such an actor because he'd sell the film based on his box office [track record]. I wouldn't be blamed if the film flopped because he's already got his own box office [record]. And if it flops, it's on his shoulders," she hypothesizes.

"But that's not the way I see my life. I'm trying to find challenges and ways to stretch myself as an artist - an actor," she says, correcting herself because she thinks "artist" sounds too pretentious.

Thus far in her career, Sorvino has shown the unpretentious heart of a character actor - one she inherited from actor father Paul Sorvino. The proud-papa tears he shed when she received her award stands as one of the all-time great moments of Oscar presentations.

After her first on-screen appearance in 1993's *Amongst Friends*, she played a spirited Catalan in Whit Stillman's *Barcelona*, a principled Jewish wife to Rob Morrow's congressional investigator in Robert Redford's *Quiz Show*, a flashy Brazilian in a BBC/PBS adaptation of Edith Wharton's *The Buccaneers*, and the wife of a New York City crack addict in *Sweet Nothing*.

Growing up in northern New Jersey, Sorvino always wanted to



Mira Sorvino (right, with Lisa Kudrow) pretends to be something she isn't in 'Romy and Michele's High School Reunion.'

become an actress, even though her father advised her against following in his footsteps. (She says his opposition might have made her desire even stronger - "you never know.") Only during the last two years of college, where she majored in East Asian languages and civilizations, did she abandon going to auditions and stop thinking about an acting career.

After graduating in 1990, she spent a year in China working on a thesis about anti-black bigotry

there. Then she moved to New York, where she worked as a waitress and as a reader winnowing through scripts for Robert De Niro's TriBeCa Productions.

Eventually, she snagged that breakthrough role. Now the question remains whether she's getting the kinds of roles she wants.

"There's always going to be a dearth of great material," she says.

Still, it sounds like she can't complain. Sorvino says she's been offered a lot of good things. Much

of them, however, are not what she wants to do at this time. For example, she won't do something "dark" after *Mimic*.

The three possibilities she is considering are dramas. Although she won her Oscar for a humorous performance and had done a muted comedy before that in *Barcelona*, Sorvino feels she's essentially not a comedic actress.

She did *Romy and Michele* because "there comes that sort of established seriousness that goes

hand in hand, it seems, with winning an Oscar. Sometimes people have an expectation of you: 'Now that you're an established actress, we're only going to see serious projects from you, right?' You know, the trouble-on-the-farm picture."

What might we expect if she were given her ditherers? She would like to direct at some point, she says. And she plans to eventually work with her beau, director Quentin Tarantino. (AP)

Zoe lets her hair down

By AMY KLEIN

What's that elusive ingredient which makes or breaks a new club? It seems almost arbitrary. There's that initial stage when everyone seems to be holding back their opinion, waiting to see what everybody else thinks of the place. Unless you are everyone else. Then you dare to be the arbiter of cool.

Zoe, a new pub in Jerusalem's Talpiot neighborhood at 18 Ha'aman (across from the dance club Ha'uman 17, around the corner from the Rav Chen movie theater), is at that infancy stage. It opened less than a month ago and still has the eager air of a new place wanting to gain acceptance.

And it should: with a pool table (NIS 10 per game), a cool Demolition Man pinball machine (NIS 1 or 5 per game, free game at 146,000 points) and darts soon to come, Zoe has enough distractions to make even the most bland blind date seem like fun.

During the week, Zoe is a pub in the traditional sense: wooden tables and chairs, full drink menu (beer NIS 13-15) and bar-style food - sandwiches, salads, watermelon, and a delicious homemade pizza with mozzarella on phyllo dough (NIS 25, toppings NIS 5). Buy one drink, get one free.

But Zoe is not exactly your dark, English smoky pub. For one thing, it's quite large, with 20 tables downstairs and 10 upstairs (which can be reserved for private parties). The porch has some stools and a kitschy wooden settee swing.

Secondly, it's got zany decor: orange everywhere, on most of the walls (except the purple and yellow ones) and the pool table too. The artsy Keith Haring-like light fixtures juxtapose the more severe, wooden stools, tables, and chairs, giving the place a funky feel. Eclectic music, no theme, covering the last four decades.

Zoe, the pub, lets her hair down every other Wednesday night and becomes Zoe, the club. They clear out the tables and crank up the music to that annoying-but-necessary party-level dancing beat. The party starts at 10:30, but really starts to happen around midnight. Some of the 25+ crowd dances, but many look like they wish the tables were back.

And they are, the next night, Thursdays, and Saturdays are, of course, the most popular for Zoe, but not so much crowded that you are screaming "What the hell is this?" the whole night. House music begins at 12:30 a.m. Although the tables remain, dancing in the main area is permissible.

If you're not looking for a crowd or if you're looking to discover a place before everyone else does, Zoe is great on weeknights for a boisterous private gathering or a late-night. It opens at 8 and stays open till you leave (around 2 a.m., weeknights).

Whatever makes a place appealing, Zoe seems to have all the right ingredients: chic decor, tasty eats, and drinks galore.

All it needs is a stamp of approval from the *branja*: the clique that decides what's hot - and what's not.

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Movies on my mind

Ex-pop star and film-festival organizer Meir Fenigstein talks about his favorite Israeli films

Meir Fenigstein came to prominence as one of the musicians in the band Kaveret. Formed by a group of friends from the IDF's entertainment troupe, Kaveret was, according to Fenigstein, "The Beatles of Israel."



In the late 1970s, Fenigstein went to study at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and founded the Israel Film Festival. The 14th annual festival begins in November in Los Angeles and moves on for a repeat in New York in December, showcasing 50 Israeli feature films, documentaries and television shows. Here Fenigstein, 46, selects his favorite Israeli films.

1. *Avanti Popolo*

Director Rafi Bukacze's decade-old first production is "a very small film, but the script and the acting are phenomenal," says Fenigstein. "It's just something that carries you all the way. It's moving all the time."

4. *Beyond the Walls*

"It's a great film about the life of prisoners."

5. *The Troupe*

"This was made in 1978 and I love it because it's a little bit of my history. I acted in it and



Moshe Ivgy and Avigail Arieli in 'Lovesick on Nana Street'

2. *Lovesick on Nana Street*

"Moshe Ivgy did a great job and he had a great part. It's a sensitive movie."

3. *I Love You, Rosa*

"This is kind of an obvious one. Moshe Mizrahi made it and it was an Academy Award nominee."

It's about the Nahal entertainment troupe. It's very Israeli, because there's no other army entertainment troupe quite like this anywhere else in the world. That's the way I served in the army. The musicians in Kaveret got their start together in Nahal. Lots of other Israeli stars also got their start in the army entertainment group."
- Matt Rees

Hot tips

By KAREN SULKIS

Tel Aviv

SAXOPHONIST Jorge Pardo closes out a week-long stand at Camelot tonight at 11. Rehov Shalom Aleichem 16. Call (03) 528-5222.

HAS this ever happened to you? You're minding your own business, strolling the aisles at Super-Sol, when suddenly and for no particular reason, you start belting out "So Long, Farewell" from *The*

Sound of Music, turning the different brands of schnitzel into little von Trapps and getting odd stares from Lazar Wolf behind the meat counter?

Well, you can sate your sweet tooth for show tunes tonight by heading over to the Tel Aviv University Amphitheater to see *Ladies and Gentlemen*. Sassi Keshet and Shlomit Aharon lead the cast of this all-Broadway program, which feature tunes from the Lloyd Webberian *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera*, as well as the aforementioned favorite, *The Sound of Music*. The show starts at 9.

THE Apropro in Tzahala presents an evening of jazz tonight with drummer Araleh Kaminsky, double bassist Eli Mergen and saxophonist Jesse Koren.

The restaurant is located at 1 Avner Street. Call (03) 648-7098.

YOU can catch Matti Golan's *Fog* tonight at the Eretz Yisrael Museum. The play starts at 8:30. Call (03) 643-6888.

ARAB Dream, a joint production of the Fringe Theater and the Acce Theater, explores how one man's dreams reflect his tom identity. Tonight at 10 at the ZOA House.

IT'S a furniture store! No, it's a happenin' pub with a rooony dance floor and a lovely patio! Wait! It's two interesting locations in one!

"It's Onyx, a fun and funky hot spot in the Noga Theater complex in Jaffa. Tonight the pub is the site of a birthday party for Late Night Tel Aviv co-mastermind Shira Skolnik. You have to pay for your drinks, but you don't have to pay to get in. Call (03) 683-5237 or (03) 528-7127.

RAFI Rothstein, Sigi Hezma and

Sarah Giloo perform *Raspberry Juice*, a show for children. The program begins at 5 p.m. today. At the Ramat Gan Theater.

EVER get the feeling that you're reliving the same episode over and over again? The ritualized aftermath of terrorist attacks has become frighteningly familiar. Same gruesome pictures, different faces and bodies torn apart. As the families and the nation mourn, so do the radio and television stations.

Groundhog Day had the bad luck of being a comedy scheduled to air on television the weekend after the disasters in Jerusalem and Lebanon. But you can catch the film tonight at 7 at the Cinematheque. Bill Murray stars as a man forced to relive the same day over and over until he gets it

right and becomes a better person. Despite its cutesy name, the movie actually manages to entertain and provides a satisfying finish.

Jerusalem

HAVING trouble telling Usenet from a URL? Tonight at 7:30, the AACI Computer Club hosts a lecture by computer maven Jacob Riehman. Richman will discuss the new frontier known as the Internet. 6 Maneh Street.

YEHOOSHUA Sobol's play *Honey* takes to the Jerusalem Theater stage tonight at 9. Nola Chilton directs.

And Points Beyond

YOUNG ESRA hosts a "Good-bye to Summer" picnic today at the Herzliya beach. Call (09) 955-6218 for info.

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Bridge

Remembering Edgar Kaplan

BY MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

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♥	10 4 3
♦	5
♣	A 9 7 3
West	
♠	9 4
♥	A J 2
♦	A 10 9 6
♣	K J 10 5
East	
♠	3
♥	K 9 8 6 5
♦	8 4 3 2
♣	Q 8 2

South	
♠	A Q 10 8 5
♥	Q 7
♦	K Q J 7
♣	6 4

South	West	North	East
1♠	double	4♠	(all pass)

Opening lead: ♠4

Edgar Kaplan, editor of *The Bridge World* magazine, died at the age of 72, September 6, in his New York City townhouse.

Kaplan had been an active bridge player and writer until the end, despite a long battle with cancer. I met him most recently at this year's World Bridge Olympiad in Rhodes, Greece.

Kaplan is known to most bridge players through the bidding system he developed with Alfred Sheinwald, called "K-S." Almost every ambitious player has subscribed to *The Bridge World*, the magazine he edited since 1967. Kaplan's specialty was his poignant articles on the major team championships. A player for 50 years, he won countless events, especially with partner Norman Kay of Philadelphia. Kaplan was instrumental in setting the highest standards of rules and laws for judicial bridge hearings and for codifying and updating the rules of the game. He also served as chief commentator for VuGraph at national and international tournaments.

Most importantly, Kaplan was the quintessential gentleman at the table and away from it. He never yelled at his partner and rarely got upset. He spoke quietly and modestly but with great wit and humor. And he encouraged many young players, including me, with his sound bridge advice and exemplary comportment.

I first met Kaplan when I was 20 years old. He invited me to his weekly team games at his home and office on West 94th Street. There I

was privileged to meet his wife, Betty, and many legendary players. The most significant lesson I learned from these meetings was that to be a popular and successful player you have to remain calm and polite. Manners are as important as ability.

This week's deal is from these team games. Kaplan was sitting South and opened the bidding one spade. West made a takeout double and North jumped to four spades. This bid stopped East from showing his heart suit and kept West in the dark about his partner's hand. Not wanting to give anything away at trick one, West led a trump and Kaplan surveyed the dummy.

Prospects were poor. Kaplan had two sure heart losers, one diamond and one club. The only hope, it seemed, was if the ace of diamonds was with East.

Then a low diamond lead from dummy would force East to win the ace, setting up the king-queen-jack for discards of three small clubs from dummy. But this was not a realistic chance, considering West's takeout double. West was almost certain to hold the ace of diamonds, because he didn't hold the ace-king of hearts; otherwise, he would have led a top heart.

Most declarers would shrug their shoulders and try the diamond play anyway.

But Kaplan reasoned that if he led a diamond to an honor, West would win and almost certainly see the danger of dummy's hearts going away on South's diamonds. West would win the diamond ace and shift to a heart.

Therefore, Kaplan tried to lull his opponent into a false sense of security. He won the opening lead in dummy and led the five of diamonds.

But when East played the 4, Kaplan played the 7! West won the trick with the nine and was convinced that his partner held a diamond honor or two, and, rather than open up the heart suit, he continued "safely" with a second trump. Disaster for the defense! Kaplan was in hand and led the king of diamonds, ruffing out West's ace. Another trump to hand allowed Kaplan to discard two of dummy's hearts on the queen and jack of diamonds. In the end, Kaplan lost only one heart trick, one diamond and one club, to make his contract.

Kaplan had no children; his wife died years ago. But he leaves behind a vast number of wonderful articles and a legacy of how to be a winner and a warm human being at the same time.

Chess

England's triumph

By NIGEL SHORT

Apologies for the slight delay, but because of heavy playing commitments, this is my first opportunity to write about England's magnificent triumph in the European Team Championship in Pula, Croatia.

It was the only time in the history of the event that Russia/the former Soviet Union failed to capture the gold medal. Their team was depleted with Garry Kasparov unavoidably absent in New York facing Deep Blue. However, not all their squad's weakness can be blamed on bad luck. For example, according to the Russian team members, Alexander Khalifman — a strong grand master who would easily qualify on merit — has been expunged from all lists of candidate players since incurring the ire of Garry's mother in Manila 1992. If true, it would be unfortunate.

All five of the English team contributed to our success, but once again the star performance was from Matthew Sadler, who started with five straight victories on fourth board. He will doubtless be promoted for his efforts. Indeed, little now separates any of the top three players.

The following game is a good example of how to beat a fairly competent but slightly inferior player with the black pieces, a tricky task at the best of times.

White: San Segundo
Black: Sadler
Pula, 1997

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxc4. Matthew is one of the world's leading experts on the Queen's Gambit Accepted. 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e3 c6 5. Bxc4 c5 6. 0-0 a6 7. Bd3 b6 8. Qc2 Bb7 9. Rd1 Nhd7 10. Nbd2 Be7. White's handling of the opening is distinctly vegetarian. The advantage of the first move has already evaporated. 11. b3 0-0 12. Bb1 Qb8 removing the queen from the d-file where she was uncomfortably situated opposite the white rook. The development of the a8 rook remains black's only problem. 13. Racl Re8 14. Bb1 cxd4 15. Rxe8+ Qxc8 16.

Nxd4 b5 17. e4 Nf8. In this tedious position, black's main difficulty is to create some tension. The knight is now heading for g6, where he hopes to provoke the move g3 which will weaken the long diagonal a8-h1. 18. N4f3 Qc7 19. a3 Rd8 20. b4 Ng6 21. g3. The first concession. However, black does not have anything like a sizable advantage and needs to coax further weaknesses before any action can be undertaken. 21... Ba8 22. Re1 Qb7 23. Re1 Ne8 24. Nb3 Nd6 25. Nf2 Qb6 26. b4 h6 27. Bd4 Qb8 28. h5 Nf8 29. Qg4 Ne8. Sadler's play has cunningly given the impression that he has completely lost the thread of the position. Watching, I could see Pablo San Segundo become visibly optimistic about his attacking prospects when actually he should simply maintain his structure.

Black: (Sadler)



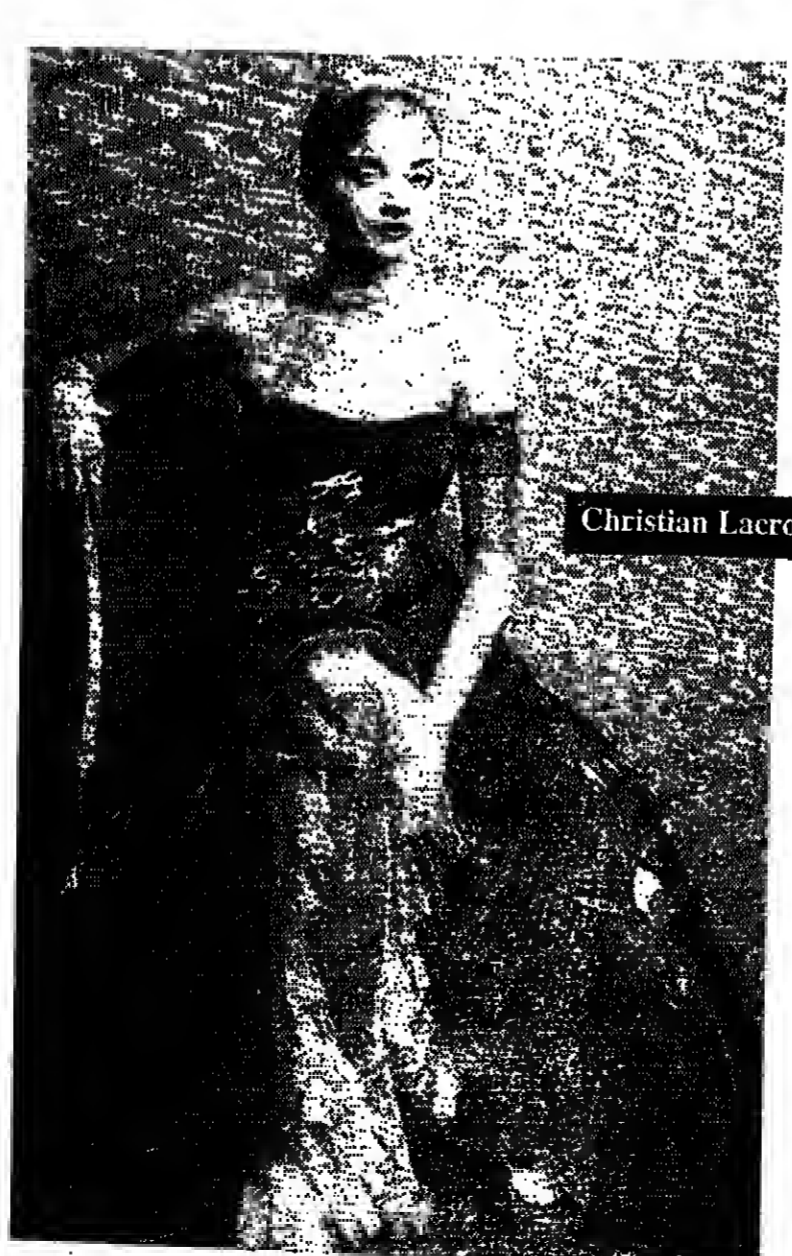
White: (San Segundo) to play

30. e5? Allowing the a8 bishop to become a monster. White was hypnotized by his (non-existent) mating prospects 30... Nf7 31. Ne4 Qb7! Calling a halt to the white activity 32. f3 Qd5 33. Ned2 Ng5 34. Kg2 a5! A powerful breakthrough further undermining the hanging white central pieces. 35. bxa5 Bxa3 36. Re3 Bb4 37. Rd3 Qc6. Short of time, the Spaniard commits a fatal blunder but life was difficult in any case. 38. Bb6?? Rxd3 39. Bxd3 Bxd2. On noticing that 40. Nxd2 Qc3! would cost a piece, white resigned.

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Christian Lacroix



Christian Lacroix

Weekender Leisure



Christian Lacroix

Shock Value

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

It takes a lot of courage and a lot of money to wear Christian Lacroix, but he's certainly the designer of choice for the woman who wants to stand out in a crowd. He's also a designer who can be admired even by women who are not daring enough to wear his creations themselves.

This was clearly evident at the sumptuous 10th anniversary showing of his fall/winter collection at the Tel Aviv Hilton last week. It's rare for any designer to be applauded for almost every garment. It's a shame that the personable and witty Lacroix was not there in the flesh to lap up the accolades.

While most designers are concentrating on classic silhouettes in shades of earth and stone, Lacroix makes liberal use of a rainbow palette and an ethnic panorama. Some of his clothes look like period or regional paintings come to life. One gets the feeling that en route to the drawing board, he encountered a caravan of Spanish gypsies.

Although one can always rely on Lacroix to infuse his collections with hot fuchsia pink — his signature color — everything else comes as a delightful surprise.

His tweedy suits have a patchwork weave of pinks and yellows, blues and purples, with occasional flashes of gold. His inspiration comes from many muses. One moment he's in a flapper mood, tassels and all, and the next he is transported to the drama of the opera, with a magnificently flowing gold full-length coat with an enormous hood which gives the face an air of mystique. Then, suddenly, his temperament switches to flamenco, then to art deco. And then, to prove he can be businesslike if necessary, Lacroix produces a superbly structured classic suit, perfect for almost any occasion. It may be topped with a satin-finished trench coat that exudes both a military and a feminine look.

Lacroix's attention to detail is awesome. He plays light-and-shadow games with metallics, color and fabric, using velvets, silks, organzas and taffetas to their full potential. The whole effect is sheer art.

While women of any age and most shapes can wear Lacroix, the same cannot be said of local fashion house Castro, which caters mainly to the young. Judging from the first showing of its new collection, Castro is counting on an anorexic clientele. Any woman who is just the tiniest bit *caftig* will have trouble finding garments that fit.

Castro claims that it's producing what is most suitable for the typical Israeli woman. But since many Israeli women are full figured, it seems unlikely they would favor the body-hugging silhouettes that dominate the collection. Most would find it difficult to wriggle into the skimpy mini-length pinafors which promise to be the rage this winter. Ditto to the narrow-cut jackets and tight hipster pants.

Salvation might come in the dress section, where the selection, though attractive, is rather limited.

Castro and Lacroix are very far removed from each other except in one area. Castro, too, is none too keen on drab colors and is opting for brick, bordeaux, every possible shade of green, turquoise, mustard and warm



Castro



browns in velveteens, crepes, silk and satin-finish synthetics.

The lines are generally simple. The fashion statements are made more by print and color combinations in which occasional "shock" elements are employed.

Castro is at its best with its rich offering of knitwear in multiple textures and hues, which are all warm and inviting.



CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT
The Ra'anana Symphonetic Orchestra opens its season with the world premiere of Yosef Bardamashvili's Children of God.

The Israel Chamber Orchestra opens its season with the familiar series, Portrait, now newly devised and devoted to the concerto form.

Matti Caspi goes on tour with a medley of the songs he wrote during his seven years of self-imposed exile in Los Angeles.

POP

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TELEVISION

OCTANE is the name of a 10-part road-safety series premiering on Channel 2 at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 How to surprise a goalkeeper and win easily? (2,1,4,4)
9 Fish gone astray in the fisherman's basket (6,3)
10 Beer is put in the passage (5)
11 Settle concerning interest (6)
12 Normal colours (8)
13 Officer assisting general in plan that's crazy (6)
15 One who makes it in the world of drama? (8)
18 Without it there would be total ignorance (8)
19 Man is, whatever Donne says (5)
21 Side to side movement in soccer, perhaps (8)

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

QUICK CROSSWORD
ACROSS
1 Ruin (5)
4 Telegraphed (5)
10 Calander (7)
11 Break out (5)
12 Raccoon-like animal (5)
13 Putrescent (7)
15 Band (4)
17 Performing (5)
19 Cowboy show (5)
22 Pitcher (4)
25 Yield (7)
27 Proverb (5)
29 Clothed (5)
30 Disastrous (7)
31 Apart (5)
32 Fish (5)

PRIME TIME TV

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MOVIES

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RAV CHEN = 622759 Air Force One - Men in Black - Private Parts - G.G. Gil - 1-4 Breakdown - Absolute Power 5:30, 10 - Con Air - Donnie Brasco 4:45, 7:30, 10 - All Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 5 - Addicted to Love 7:15, 9:45 - Batman & Robin 4:45 (Hebrew dialogue) 5

QUICK SOLUTIONS
ACROSS
1 Roof, 5 Flues, 7 Language, 8 Pipsqueak, 10 Cart, 12 Spud, 14 Narcissus, 18 Outcast, 17 Nail, 18 Stems, 19 Artistic, 22 Nominal, 23 Gang, 24 Kick.

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Preparing for the worst
About 250 soldiers participate in a chemical-warfare treatment drill at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital yesterday.

IAI reports first profit in years

By STEVE RODAN
Israel Aircraft Industries announced yesterday its first profits after several years of losses, earning \$7 million in net income in the first six months of 1997, and projected a profit of \$20m. for the entire year.

make a profit for 1997, but we were surprised by the figures," IAI president Moshe Keret said. "The numbers were better than we thought," Keret attributed the improvement to better than expected sales and a devaluation of the shekel, which also hiked earnings.

At the same time, the company has penetrated into new markets, which promise increased sales. During the first half of 1997, IAI signed contracts totalling \$1.6 billion, more than double the \$730m. in contracts signed in the same period last year.

'Non-Jews can be buried in Jewish cemeteries'

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron has issued a ruling that a non-Jew who chooses to live among Jews may be buried in a special section of a Jewish cemetery as one whose Jewish lineage is unclear. Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein said yesterday.



Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein.
(Byran McBurney)

Edelstein spoke in his office after receiving the report of a committee which he had appointed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the burial of Grigory (Grisia) Peshovitch, 14, who died in the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing July 31. Peshovitch, whose mother was not Jewish, was first taken for burial at a Greek Orthodox cemetery on Mt. Zion, but the parents objected when the burial involved a Christian ceremony.

Edelstein, while admitting that there had been some obstructionism in the religious establishment, insisted that on that same Friday, when he had searched for a humane solution, he had encountered "thick-headedness and obstructionism" within every camp.

which does not define itself as Jewish, I am speaking of thousands of people, both now and in the future," Kna'an said.

She said that the problem related not just to those killed in terror attacks, but to ordinary people who died in the course of everyday life. She said that although burial sites were provided eventually for all such people, often the bereaved families had to go through needless hardship and pain.

Kna'an said that the committee and the ministry had not related to Menuha, an organization specifically established to provide alternative burial in Israel because that organization was set up to provide non-Orthodox burial for Jews and which has been fighting for the right to establish its own burial sites, while the problem here related to those not recognized as Jews.

In response, Oded Iron, chairman of Menuha Nehona in Jerusalem, said the Chief Rabbinate had come to an agreement with Edelstein's party, Yisrael Be'alya, he said, because the rabbinate wished to avoid pluralistic burial at all costs. The worth of the rabbinate's promises, Iron said, could be judged by the fact that the problem had not been solved.

Iron said it was true that Menuha Nehona was concerned with the burial of Jews, but it defined Jews as anyone who had a link to the Jewish people.

United Torah List MK Rabbi Avraham Ravitz said he welcomed the arrangement, because according to Halacha, he said, we are commanded to provide an honorable burial for Jews and non-Jews alike.

WEATHER Golan 18-28

Halla 21-29	Tiberias 20-34
Ashdod 18-32	
Batumi 18-27	
Tel Aviv 21-28	
Jerusalem 16-25	
Beersheba 18-30	
Dead Sea 23-27	
East 24-37	

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

AROUND THE WORLD

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Amsterdam	10	6	10	cloudy
Berlin	12	6	10	clear
Buenos Aires	10	5	10	clear
Chgo	20	12	10	clear
Chicago	11	7	10	clear
Copenhagen	14	8	10	cloudy
Frankfurt	10	6	10	clear
Geneva	11	6	10	clear
Helsinki	10	5	10	clear
Hong Kong	28	22	10	clear
Jakarta	26	18	10	clear
Ldn	19	10	10	clear
London	13	5	10	clear
Los Angeles	23	12	10	clear
Moscow	17	8	10	clear
Mumbai	28	18	10	clear
New York	18	10	10	clear
Paris	17	8	10	clear
Rome	18	10	10	clear
Sydney	14	7	10	clear
Tokyo	12	6	10	clear
Toronto	16	8	10	clear
Vancouver	12	6	10	clear

Winning cards

In the first Chance drawing yesterday, the winning cards were the 7 of spades, 10 of hearts, king of diamonds, and 9 of clubs. In the second drawing, they were the 10 of spades, jack of hearts, 9 of diamonds, and the jack of clubs.

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Hare gives girl cat scratch disease

By JUDY SIEGEL

A 10-year-old Jerusalem girl is recovering after five days in Bikur Holim Hospital where she was diagnosed with cat scratch disease - the result of an unpleasant encounter with a friend's pet hare.

Dr. Gila Shazberg, an infectious disease expert in the pediatrics department, examined the girl. She had prominent scratches near the clavicle above her chest and very swollen lymph glands in her neck. But although the symptoms raised the suspicion of cat scratch disease, the girl insisted she neither had a pet cat or had been in contact with one. After questioning, she finally reported that a pet hare had scratched her 10 days before.

Shazberg said that while cat scratch disease resulting from a cat is common, it is extremely rare for such cases to involve a hare. It is possible that the long-eared rodent had been in contact with a cat infected with the bacteria. In any case, although the enlarged lymph glands shrink without treatment over weeks or even months, it is better to treat patients with antibiotics if they are uncomfortable.

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